

SENATE BILL 1617

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to the disposition of  
unclaimed human bodies.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-4-102, is amended by adding the following as new subsection (b) and by relettering the existing subsection (b) accordingly:

(b) The unclaimed body of a person delivered to a public official for the purpose of disposal at public expense may be cremated after the chief medical examiner or the chief medical examiner's representative has made a good faith attempt to notify any next of kin of the deceased, if any relative is known or can reasonably be discovered.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.